



PATENT

Customer Number 22.852

Attorney Docket No. 08157.0014

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
David VALE et al.) Group Art Unit: 3731
Application No.: 09/985,820) Examiner: Uyen T. Ho
Filed: November 6, 2001)
For: FILTER ELEMENT FOR EMBOLIC)
FOR PROTECTION DEVICE)
Commissioner for Patents)
P.O. Box 1450)
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450)

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2003, the reply to which has been extended to June 15, 2004, by the petition for three-month extension of time and required fee payment filed herewith, please amend this application as provided below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the claim amendments section of this paper.